(b) whether a draft notification viz the Andhra Pradesh Insecticides (Quality Control) Order, 1988 was forwarded to Central Government by State Government of Andhra Pradesh on 28th April, 1988 for obtaining concurrance of Government for the issue of the said order and the matter is still pending with Government: and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Government has been receiving reports of the appearance of substandard goods in the market place from time to time In a large country with dispersed manufacture and where consumer's purchasing power and awareness is slowly building up, this affects production growth. It is difficult to make a precise assessment of the volume of such sub-standard products appearing at the Market place.

(b) The Andhra Pradesh Government had sought concurrence of the Central Government to issue an exclusive order, namely, the Andhra Pradesh Insecticides (Quality Control) order, 1988 under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act., 1955. Since the matters, envisaged to be regulated by the proposed special order of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, are adequately covered under the Insecticides Act, 1968, the State Government has been advised that the issuance of the said order would not serve such purpose.

(c) All Government agencies involved in the upgradation of quality of products and enforcing quality standards have been taking steps to combat this problem. The more important steps taken relate to:—

(i) Bringing under compulsory Certification Scheme products affecting safety and health of consumers;

(ii) Promoting voluntary certification and self-certification measures and creating quality culture in industry;

(iii) Taking legal action against erring manufacturers and traders who contravene provisions of legislations like Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, Essential Commodities Act, different Quality Control Orders, Drugs & Cocmetics Act, etc; and

(iv) Promoting a responsive and responsible consumer movement through provisions of Consumers Protection Act and redressal machinery laid down under this Act.

Sugar mills in cooperative sector in Kerala

2667. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills in the co-operative Sector in Kerala;

(b) the number of cooperative sugar mills in the State running in loss; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) There are two sugar mills in the cooperative sector in Kerala.

(b) and (c) The Government do not maintain profit and loss accounts in respect of sugar mills. The sugar policy is announced by the Government of India from time to time. The profitability or otherwise of a sugar factory depends on a variety of factors which include cane availability, technical and managerial competence of a sugar mill and certain other factors which are not directly regulated by the sugar policy. The ultimate responsibility to ensure efficient running of a sugar mill lies solely with the management.

Grants to Kerala for sulm development

2668. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been given to the States for slum clearance in

1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(b) if so, how much has been given to Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The State sector Scheme of Environmental improvement of Urban-Slums aims at provision of basic amenities like drinking water, street lighting, community baths and latrines, paving of existing lanes and pathways etc. Funds for the Scheme are provided in the Annual Plan of the State Governments which are responsible for the formulation and implementation of these projects.

Bonded Labour in the country

2669. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the number of bonded labour in the country;

(b) whether any instructions have been issued to the State Government to launch a survey of bonded labour in their respective States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Bonded labour identified during the last four years by the State Governments, is as follows:

Year	No. of bonded labour identified
1984-85	13,817
1985-86	17,561
1986-87	13,362
1987-88	16,385

(b) and (c) Under the provision of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the State Governments are to ensure that any system of forced labour does not survive in their States and wherever such practice is noticed, to take immediate steps to identify and release bonded labour. The implementation of the provisions of the Act are reviewed from time to time by the Central Government and State Governments are requested to enforce the provisions of the Act vigorously.

Milk processing plants in central sector

2670. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of milk processing plants in the central sector in the country; and

(b) how many such milk processing plants have been set up in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

देश में बेरोजगार

2671. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय 35 वर्ष तक की आयु के कितने व्यक्ति बेरोजगार हैं इनमें से कितने पूर्ण बेरोजगार हैं तथा कितने अर्ध बरोजगार हैं तथा शहरी और ग्रामीण बेरोजगारों सहित शिक्षित तथा अशिक्षित बेरोजगारों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ;

(ख) इस समय बेरोजगार लोगों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने की कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं चल रही हैं और इन योजनाओं के अंतर्गत प्रति-वर्ष कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया जाता है तथा देश में प्रति-वर्ष बेरोजगारों